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## **Opposition to Proposal to End Public-utility Regulation of the Internet**

### **Re: Restoring Internet Freedom, WC Docket No. 17-108**

The value of the Internet comes from the content and services that are delivered by means of the Internet. This value has grown because of an environment where information could be transmitted equally, regardless of content, source, or destination. This environment has resulted in a thriving, vibrant and competitive free market. Regulation of those who provide Internet connectivity is necessary to preserve this positive environment.

Consumers should be able to choose any ISP and expect that they will receive access to the same content and services without concerns of blocking, throttling, or paid prioritization. Likewise, Internet-based businesses should be able to deliver to any consumer connected to the Internet, without concerns of any intermediate technological, economical, or regulatory obstructions. For business and consumers alike, the Internet is seen as a pure transmission service, providing a level playing field for all who use it; it should be treated as such.

For these reasons, and for many of the same reasons Chairman Pai declared at the beginning of his proposal, I declare my opposition to Chairman Pai's proposal to end public-utility regulation of the Internet.

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